GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4135
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2004
RETURN OF INDIANS FROM IRAQ
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian nationals working in Iraq have expressed their desire to return to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when they would be in a position to return to India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Some Indian nationals working in Iraq have expressed desire to return to India.

(b) Our Mission in Baghdad has been instructed to render all possible assistance to the Indian nationals desiring to return to India. These include 30 workers from a camp near Falluja, 14 persons stranded in northern Iraq and 4 persons employed by a South Korean firm, who have all returned to India.

(c) The time taken by Indian workers to return to India would depend on the route chosen by them for exit from Iraq, pace of settlement of dues by the employers and the security situation surrounding the camp/worksites.